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N.W.T.
Regina, N.W.T.

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Sir/ With further reference
to your letter of the 1st of
Aug. last and the memo.
containing the suggestions
of your Assistant, Mr.
Reed, relative to the
future management of
the Indians, and your
remarks upon those suggestions,
I am directed by the Dept.
Genl. to inform you
1. That he concurs
in Mr. Reed's recommendation
that those Indians who
have not been disloyal
or troublesome should
be treated in the same
manner as heretofore.
2. That the Indians
who took any prominent
part in the uprising
should be treated in such
a manner by the Dept.
notwithstanding any
leniency that may have
been

been shown them by the
Courts of law as to
clearly demonstrate
to them and other
Indians that the Dept.
marks practically with
its disapproval the acts
of which they have
been guilty. This course
to be continued for two
or three years, and
then should the
conduct of the Indians
warrant it, they may
be again put upon the
same footing as the others;
and this hope of restoration to the former
~~status~~ ^{position} be held out to them
as an inducement ^{on their part} for to
good behavior ^{on their part} in the
interim.

3. With regard to
half-breeds not belonging
to Indian Bands, the
Dept. can exercise no
discipline over them.
It rests with the Courts
of law alone to deal
with them as well as
with the White rebels.

4. The Dept. Genl.
agrees with Mr. Reed's
suggestion that the
tribal

tribal system should be broken up as much as possible, so that each individual Indian may be dealt with instead of through the Chiefs.

This, however, should be done carefully so that the Chiefs may not be able to rouse a hostile feeling among their Indians against the Dept.

5. With regard to the suggested non-payment of annuities to Indian Bands that rebelled, or to any individual members of well-disposed Bands who joined the insurrection, the Dept. Genl. approves of annuity being withheld from all Indian Bands or individuals who engaged actively in the rebellion. The annuities of rebellious Bands who committed depredations upon the property of the Dept. or on that of other parties, or who made away with the ^{the} property of the Band which was given them at the expense of the Govt.

Govt ~~under treaty stipulations~~
should be charged with
the cost of the same
until the whole expense
involved in the destruction
of such property has
been repaid to the
Govt. In this way
the Indians will be
given a practical illustration
of the folly of their
acts by being made to
feel what it has cost
themselves.

6. With regard to
the disarming of Indians,
the Dept. Genl. approves
of your ~~suggestion~~ ^{recommendation} that
an endeavor should be
made to disarm all
Indians, - not by compulsion,
but by persuasion and
by keeping ammunition
from them.

7. With regard to
preventing Indians who ~~have~~ were
~~being~~ involved in the
rebellion from leaving
the Reserves without
a pass signed by an Official
of the Dept., the Dept.
Genl. thinks that if the
Pass system could be
generally

to adopt it

and it

in the case of

be offered on

generally introduced with
safety it ~~is~~ ^{should be} in the highest
degree desirable. As to
the disloyal Bands, this
system should be strictly
carried out as a consequence
of their disloyalty. This
system should be
introduced ^{as far as practicable} in the loyal
Bands as well and the
advantage of the change
pressed upon them; but
no punishment for breaking
bands could be inflicted,
and ^{in the case of} ~~in the case of~~ ^{members of such bands} ~~in the case of~~ ^{any case of} resistance
be offered on the ground of Treaty
rights obtaining a pass
before leaving a Reserve
should not be insisted
upon as regards loyal Indians.

As respects Indians
encamping in towns and
villages, the Supt. Genl.
is of opinion that the
sites of such places may
be regarded as the
property of the Municipalities
or Authorities of said towns
and villages and therefore
as included in those
properties, from which
under the Treaty the Indians
are prohibited from entering
upon

upon, without permission.

The Mounted Police, therefore, or Municipal Officers, should be instructed to insist upon all Indians camping within the limits of Town sites or Villages to produce permits from the Indian Agents showing what their purpose in camping in the vicinity is and for what length of time the permits have been granted them. Should they fail to produce such permits, they should be compelled to leave the precincts of said towns

or Villages. ~~Form of Permits for Indians to camp in the vicinity of Town sites and Villages~~

With regard to the Ojibwa Sioux ^{still} in the Territories, a Report will be made to the Honble the Privy Council ^{concerning} the negotiations ~~concerning~~ had with the United States Govt. in the matter of the ^{proposed} removal of these Indians to their own country with a view to the same being forwarded to the British Minister at Washington to press the

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the subject on Congress
when it next meets ^{the money}
money grant ^{by Congress} being necessary
to cover the expense of
the removal of these
Indians.

9. With regard to
Big Bear's Band, the
Supt. Genl. is of opinion
directs that it ~~should~~ be
broken up and the
members distributed among
other Bands, as these
Indians have always been
badly influenced by their
Chiefs, and were they to
be retained as a Band
would doubtless continue
to be a constant source
of trouble to the Dept.
and to the Authorities,
which will be greatly
minimised if they are
scattered amongst a number
of Bands.

10. As regards One
Arrow's Band, the Supt.
Genl. approves of Mr. Reed's
recommendation that it
should be united with
the Bands of Beards and
Opeyagis. He also considers
that Chakistapayis's Band
should

should be broken up;
The Reserves of these
Bands, when the latter members of the same
are ~~distributed~~ ^{distributed} ~~among~~ ^{among} the Bands
are ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~handed~~ ^{handed}
over to the Govt. And ~~if necessary~~ ^{if necessary}
for adding to the Bands to the ~~relative~~ ^{relative} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~it~~ ^{it}
with regard to the distinction proposed
to be made by Mr. Reed between Half-breeds who
are on the pay-lists of rebel Bands and
the full-blooded Indian members of such Bands,
the Supt. Genl. directs that the Agents be
instructed to endeavor to induce all Half-breeds
to withdraw from the Bands
with which they have
been connected, and as an
inducement for them to do
so they should be offered
Half-breed grants of land.
Neither Half-breed nor
full-blooded Indian members
of rebel Bands are to
be paid annuities in future
until at least the full
cost of the ~~depreciations~~ ^{depreciations}
committed have been
repaid to the Govt.
by deducting the same
from their annuities that
would

would otherwise have been payable to them.

12. All Whites who are on the pay-sheets are to be struck off. They should never have been included in any Treaty, and it is difficult to understand how such persons came to be treated with in respect to lands in the N.W.T.

13. With respect to a substantial recognition by the Govt. of the loyalty of Indians in the Territories, the Dept. Genl. is of opinion that such a course would be of the greatest possible advantage as marking the appreciation of the Govt. of the good conduct of loyal Indians; and with this object in view you will be good enough to furnish the Dept. with a report in detail of the rewards which you think should be conferred upon all such loyal Bands or members of Bands.

14. As regards ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~labor~~ ^{labor} ~~should be~~ ^{should be} ~~quieted~~ ^{quieted} and
Mr. Reed's suggestion ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~labor~~ ^{labor} ~~should be~~ ^{should be} ~~quieted~~ ^{quieted} and

and every Indian for every
pound of provisions and
for clothing given them,
as you are aware, this as a general
principle in its general
~~application~~ has always
prevailed, - at least
if the instructions sent
from the Dept. have
been followed; but
it would be impracticable
of course to apply the
same to each and every
case, as there are aged
and infirm Indians, and
widows, and orphans
of tender age, in every
Band from whom
labor could not be expected,
and, on the other hand
they ^{can} not certainly
be allowed to starve.
But the rule should be
applied to all able-bodied
Indians.

15. As respects
depriving rebel Indians
of their horses and
confiscating and selling
the same and purchasing
cattle and other necessities
with the proceeds, the
Capt. Genl. is of opinion
that

that such a course would
be quite legitimate
considering the bad use
these Indians have made
of the horses which they
had, viz. by using them
as means of transport
in attacks upon the
White Settlers at ^{Prosser, Hopedale & other places}
Battleford, &c. ^{and it is}
may be necessary in some
cases for a strong force
of Police to be sent
to ~~each~~ Reserve when
the horses are to be
taken possession of,
and in ~~this~~ connection
with this proposition I have to inform you
that a strict account
should be kept of the
number of horses taken,
from what Indians, the
sales made of the same,
to whom ^{with} the money
obtained by the sale
and the cattle & other
necessaries purchased
therewith, ^{and the prices paid to whom for the} and a receipt
from each Indian owner
of a horse or horses
for the value of the
same in such cattle
& necessaries & should
be

be forwarded to the
Dept. with a full
statement describing
each and every transaction
supported by ample vouchers and
certified and sworn to
by the Agent and by
the Farming Instructor for the locality
where the transaction was effected -
if it is possible in
any case to induce
the Indians voluntarily
to give up their horses
for cattle or other necessities,
it would be decidedly
preferable to follow
that course rather
than to compel them
to do so.

I have, &c.